

CORK FACTS

- Natural cork is 100% recyclable, biodegradable and completely environmentally friendly
- Virgin cork is used to make all kinds of different products, including flooring, footwear, and wall coverings.
- Over 13 billion natural cork wine closures are produced globally each year
- There are over 6 million acres of cork forests in the Mediterranean Basin
- The CO2 retention capabilities of Portugal's cork forests alone are estimated to be as high as 4.8 million tons per year
- Recycling and reusing cork extends its ability to sequester carbon dioxide and keep it out of the atmosphere
- A natural wine cork retains approximately 9 grams of CO2 during its useful life cycle
- A cork oak tree can live over 250 years and can be harvested every decade. The trees are not cut down and only a portion of their bark is removed
- Dom Perignon (1630 – 1715) was a Benedictine monk and is credited with commercializing the use of natural cork for Champagne and table wine

CONTACT

Visit the ReCork Web site at www.ReCork.org
or email us at info@recork.org.



ReCork is a natural cork recycling program sponsored by Amorim of Portugal, SOLE footwear of Canada, and Amorim's U.S. sales affiliates – Amorim Cork America and Portocork America.

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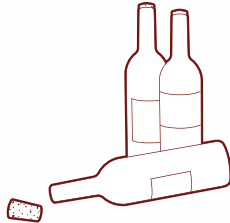
WE RECYCLE YOUR CORK

THE LIFE CYCLE OF A RECORK NATURAL CORK WINE CLOSURE.



1 CORK TREES

It starts with a cork oak tree. A portion of the bark of the tree is stripped off (without harming the tree) and turned into various products including wine closures.



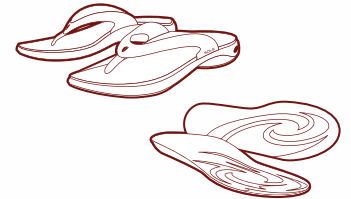
2 WINE CORKS

Used corks are collected from ReCork partners in the wine, hospitality and retail industries, and stored until large amounts can be shipped to the grinding facilities.



3 GRINDING

The corks are ground into various sizes of granules based on planned usage.



4 SOLE PRODUCTS

The ground cork is blended into SOLE's unique formulations and used in the production of SOLE's product lines and packaging.

WE WANT YOUR CORK

To make this program work we need your corks. We ask that you save your used natural wine corks (no plastic or metal please) and deposit them at a collection location in your area, or send them directly to ReCork. For a list of collection locations and shipping information, please visit our Web site at www.recork.org or email us at info@recork.org.

WE CAN ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

ReCork is a partnership between Amorim and SOLE. We recycle natural wine closures and use them in new products. We educate and inform about the importance of cork forests.

WE PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY

As of 2010, the ReCork program will sponsor the planting of thousands of trees in Portugal. The goal is to help offset some of the carbon footprint issues inherent in recycling and to ensure the ongoing health and growth of the region's forests.

We also carefully consider our transportation options and use the lowest carbon-emitting methods possible. We consolidate our pickups of cork, and will soon establish regional collection centers, using rail and sea shipping methods whenever possible. We also encourage our collection partners to look for ways to reduce their carbon footprints as well.